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TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAY 8 CONTACT

GROUP MEETING WITH SWAPO

REF: GENEVA 6761 (NOTAL)

1. SWAPO UN REPRESENTATIVE GURIRAB HAS INFORMED USUN AM MAY 5 THAT MEETING BETWEEN CONTACT GROUP AND SWAPO IS CONFIRMED FOR 1100 MAY 8 (MONDAY). SWAPO MEMBER HAMUTENYA ARRIVED FROM LUSAKA MAY 4 AS SCHEDULED. IN LIGHT OF SOUTH CONFIDENTIAL

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AFRICAN ATTACK ON ANGOLA, GURIRAB IS NOT SURE WHETHER FORD AND THLABANELLO WILL BE COMING TO NEW YORK. GURIRAB ASSURED MISSION OFFICER THAT MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE REGARDLESS.

2. FOR GENEVA: WITH REGARD TO TJIRIANGE'S REQUEST (REFTEL FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN PURCHASING PLANE

TICKET FOR FLIGHT FROM GENEVA, GURIRAB SAID THAT SWAPO HAD PURCHASED SWISS AIR TICKET FOR TJIRIANGE AM MAY 5 IN NEW YORK. GURIRAB HAD SUBSEQUENTLY SPOKEN BY PHONE WITH TJIRIANGE AND ADVISED HIM THAT HE COULD PICK UP TICKET FROM SWISS AIR IN GENEVA. GURIRAB DOES NOT KNOW WHICH SWISS AIR FLIGHT TJIRIANGE WILL TAKE, BUT ASSUMES HE WILL ARRIVE ON SATURDAY, MAY 6.

3. WITHOUT APPEARING TO INTERFERE IN SWAPO AFFAIRS, WE URGE THAT A SPECIAL EFFORT BE MADE TO PERSUADE THLABANELLO TO ARRANGE TO ATTEND THE NEW YORK TALKS; HIS PRESENCE IN THE SWAPO DELEGATION AND TO SOME EXTENT THAT OF FORD, MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO US. LEONARD

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